



# Table Bluff Reservation Wiyot Tribe

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Lester A. Snow, Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR – Revised Phase II Report

Dear Mr. Snow:

We understand this programmatic EIS/EIR document is designed to set policy for future projects. After reviewing the document and speaking with our environmental department, who in turn spoke with Alf Brandt, Assistant Regional Solicitor, Department of the Interior, it appears most of the restoration projects will remain contained within the Sacramento River Watershed with some influences on the Trinity and Klamath Rivers. Because of this connection to rivers on the Northcoast, we are concerned with future intentions of CALFED towards other rivers, such as the Eel River.

Currently the Eel River is diverted to the Potter Valley Project to supply water for Sonoma and Marin counties. This diversion already taxes the survival of the species which rely upon it, such as salmon and steelhead, and any further diversion could prove subsequent degradation of what is considered a wild and scenic river. Tribal members still use the river for cultural purposes and it saddens us to see the continued decline of one of our most important cultural resources. Therefore, we want assurances that water will not be diverted from the Eel River, in any form, to assist with achieving the water quality standards and habitat restoration goals in the Sacramento River Watershed.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Seidner, Chairwoman  
Table Bluff Reservation – Wiyot Tribe